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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - AFGHANISTAN

11. LEAD STORIES: Front-page items on Tuesday morning included the impact of Typhoon No. 9, which brought heavy rains, floods, and landslides to western Japan on Monday.

12. "Afghanistan Should Take First Step toward Independence" The liberal Tokyo Shimbun editorialized (8/11): "Terrorism is escalating in Afghanistan, where a presidential election will be held on August 120. Casualties among foreign troops, which are in charge of maintaining public security there, are increasing. Only an administration that has the confidence of the [Afghan] people will be able to establish a foundation for a nation that is independent from foreign countries.... The coming presidential election will be Afghanistan's first step toward becoming a nation that is not dependent on foreign assistance.... The international community should support the election in order to help as many Afghan people as possible to cast their votes fairly."

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